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YEAR'S END MARKS SHIFTS IN AMERICAN PEACE ATTITUDES

"An unsigned agreement dominates and marks the period we are entering--agreement not to go to war." The observation, made recently by the *New York t's* foreign correspondent Joseph Barry, is a measure of the major shift that occurred in governmental attitudes, here and abroad, in the last couple of rs and, notably, in 1959. Things have happened this year, and are happening, t would have been unthinkable three or four years ago. Things like the Khru-hev visit, the Geneva discussions est suspension, the "summit" pro-als, the President's current 11-ion "peace" trip, and the Rocke-er Brothers' most recent report nting out the necessity for recog-ing the Communist, but de facto, ernment of China. The only tenable lanation is that leaders in and out government are coming to see their pronouncements about the sui-al nature of nuclear war as reality ner than rhetoric. There is now, as President said some years ago, rally no alternative to peace.

The trouble is that there is also, at moment, no effective alternative to . Because there is not, Mr. Barry de his observation about the "un-ned agreement" somewhat unhappily. erican authority in world affairs is ded by this agreement that no issue justify resort to war, he argues, there is something to be said for case. The United States has so sistently interpreted world tensions nilitary terms that the abandonment nilitary power as the decisive poli-l force would leave it floundering. If such an "unsigned agreement" sts, it will do much to lessen the ger of nuclear war, for the time ng, at least. But it is at most a par- and temporary development, and it not a solution for anything. Mili-sm itself continues strongly en-trenched in most countries, including our own. The absence of a central authority to arbitrate international disputes has not been dealt with. And above all, the needs of the hungry, needy millions remain unmet in any adequate way.

Eleanor Roosevelt observed to some 700 Democrats the other night that "we cannot exist as a little island of well-being in a world where two-thirds of the people go to bed hungry every night," and added, "I would like to see us concentrate on how we can make our leadership so good that we are not always thinking about comparisons (with the Soviet Union), but are thinking of how we can do things which show the peoples of the world that we are good neighbors, that we do understand what their lives are, that we are willing even to sacrifice to help them help themselves."

As we look toward the New Year, prefigured in the joyous hope commemorated on December 25, let us think on this. "Feed my sheep," Jesus said. If we could only grasp this message as a nation, we would see that our task is neither to break nor passively to "preserve" peace, but actively to *make* it. Fortified with the power of such a "moral equivalent," we would not need to worry about the erosion of our immoral military power.

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More Pacifists Join War Toy Protest

The revolt of a pacifist mother against the practice of breakfast-cereal companies using war toys and symbols as premiums appears to have struck a responsive chord in other concerned parents. Publication of Mrs. Roy Kepler's letters of protest to the National Biscuit Company against the guided missiles and nuclear bombs pictured on cereal boxes (see FELLOWSHIP, Nov. 1, 1959) brought a small wave of approving letters and some accounts of similar action.

John Forbes, of Carlinville, Illinois, last July wrote to the Kellogg Corporation, of Battle Creek, Michigan, reporting his return of a package of their breakfast food to the store when he found its box included a "play-at-bombing." panel. "May I ask you why," he wrote, "in a time which threatens the children of all lands with death, the Kellogg Corporation considers it right practice to ask children, coming down to start the morning, to play at killing?" The company replied much as NBC had to Mrs. Kepler, that it "had no intention of encouraging warlike attitudes in children" but that such toys have a "great appeal." It added that the "play-at-bombing" panel was being discontinued.

Mrs. J. W. Eliot, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was inspired by Mrs. Kepler's example to get after General Mills, which has been making its contribution to the non-encouragement of warlike attitudes by printing rocket-base cutouts on its cereal packages. "We like Cheeri wrote Mrs. Eliot, "but not enoug entertain pictures of barbed-wire f ing...at our breakfast table."

And, to top it off, Walter H. W of Los Angeles got off his own pr to the Tidewater Oil Company the latter enclosed a picture of a sile as a souvenir in its monthly s statements.

FELLOWSHIP would like to from other readers who have taken s lar actions, and will publish rep from time to time.

Germ Warfare Worker 'Contracted Plague'

A private working in the labora ies at the United States Army's g warfare center at Fort Detrick, M land, contracted pneumonic plague August, according to a news repor the *New York Post* this month. newspaper quoted an "Army spok man" as saying that 22-year old R Powell had "contracted the dise while working in the laboratory." P monic plague is a lung form of bub plague, the "Black Death" that ter ized Europe for centuries. Pvt. Po was reported to have run a tempera of 108 for two days.

Fort Detrick is the principal exp mental center operated by the Arm the development of weapons of b teriological, chemical and radiolog warfare, and in defenses against s weapons. Its operations have been k so secret that few Americans h known of its existence until recen Two developments have brought it greater prominence this year. One been the FOR-initiated "Vigil and peal against germ warfare" that kept a line of silent protesters side the Detrick gate daily since 1. The other has been "Operation Skies," the Army's current public r tions program designed to lessen lic revulsion against the idea of g and chemical warfare. The Detrick gil is slated to end December 31, may continue into the new year.

NEWS from the peace front

A catalog of materials for use in ildren's service projects is avail- le from the American Friends Ser- ce Committee. Included are Descrip- ns and prices of special kits, book- s, kodachrome slides and scripts to omote international good will through od deeds that are fun to do. A copy the folder may be obtained by writ- g to Children's Program, American iends Service Committee, 20 South St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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Dangerous radioactivity continues to ist in the Monte Bello Islands as a sult of the British atomic tests which ok place there in 1952-56. On one of e islands, off the coast of Western stralia, no evidence of vegetation as found at all, according to recent ports.

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The Rev. Maurice McCrackin, FOR mber who recently served a 6-month ison term for refusal to pay taxes, s returned to the pastorate of the st Cincinnati--St. Barnabas Church. investigating commission from the esbytery reported that McCrackin and s church "are bearing a strong wit- ss to Jesus Christ and His Gospel," d that "it is not the function of the esbytery to collect taxes."

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The Sahara Team, a group of paci- ts from several nations planning to ter the Sahara to protest announced ench A-bomb tests, was scheduled to aving Accra, Ghana, on December 5, aching French territory at the Upper lta about December 8. More than 5,000 has been subscribed for the oject in Ghana alone.

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Dr. Willard Uphaus, FOR member d director of the World Fellowship Faiths, faced the equivalent of a e sentence as he prepared to appear court on December 14. Dr. Uphaus, , was to be sentenced for contempt court for refusal to give New Hamp- ire's Attorney General Louis C. Wy- n a list of visitors to the World Fellowship's camp. Many protestants and petitions have gone to the court and the attorney general, including one from a defense committee organized by FOR Co-Secretary John Swomley.

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Socialist leader Norman Thomas, who was co-secretary of the FOR from 1917 to 1919, was guest of honor at a dinner marking his 75th birthday last month. The dinner, held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City November 18, was attended by more than 700.

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Marie Read Smith, of New Rochelle, N. Y., suggests that FOR members send Christmas cards to Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and his wife. She thinks the right kind of cards, "full of cheer, peace on earth, and love, might equally startle--and delight--the Khrushchevs."

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Negroes are now being hired for white collar and skilled industrial jobs in the South by companies holding U.S. contracts. Efforts by the President's Committee on Government Contracts to persuade such companies to hire Negroes

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GERM WARFARE

In the January 1 FELLOWSHIP: a 12-page section, "The Pentagon Prepares for Germ Warfare," including facts about the new CBR weapons, excerpts from the Pugwash scientists' statement on germ and gas warfare, plus articles on botulinus toxin by Brock Chisholm and on the Vigil at Ft. Detrick by Charles C. Walker.

In the same issue, "Christian Love in History," by Geoffrey Nuttall, plus reviews of important new books.

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have been successful in a few cases. In the last few months, companies in Texas, South Carolina, Delaware, Southern California, Indiana, Ohio and Missouri have complied.

The group, which is headed by Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, has found "remarkable consent" among top executives for the non-discriminatory policy.

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The "independent Federalist publication" *Sphere* lists FOR members Vernon Nash and Ralph Templin as candidates for nomination by a new "World Federalist Party" for President and Vice-President respectively.

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A constitution has been adopted by the newly organized Student Peace Union at a Chicago conference jointly sponsored by SPU and FOR. The SPU Bulletin for November lists peace activities at thirteen colleges and seminaries. Moving spirit in SPU has been FOR National Council member Kenneth Calkins.

Powerful Anti-War Film Opens This Week

One of the most moving attacks on war ever made commercially by the moving-picture industry opens December 17 simultaneously in theaters in 16 countries. "On the Beach," filmed version of Nevil Shute's best-selling novel, tells the story of the last five months of human life on earth as the radioactive fallout released by Wo War III spins inexorably down tow Australia, where the war's few s vivors wait.

With magnificent performances Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred taire, Anthony Perkins and many othe Director Stanley Kramer has done admirable job of portraying the g end facing man if he persists in ho ing on to war. Some peace organi tions are discussing the desirabil of recruiting members to distrib cards to patrons leaving the theate urging them to join and participate peace activity.

In the United States the film w open in Chicago, Los Angeles, N York and Washington. Significantly, will open also in Moscow.

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